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Mr. Bernie Raimo
Associate Counsel
Permanent Select Committee
on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Bernie:

Per the request of Mike O'Neil, I am enclosing for your review a copy of the Director's opening statement to the SSCI on S. 1721.

Sincerely,

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STATEMENT OF THE
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
BEFORE THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE
UNITED STATES SENATE

NOVEMBER 20, 1987

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY TO SHARE SOME OF MY THOUGHTS ON S. 1721, THE INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT ACT OF 1987. THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THIS STATEMENT ALSO REFLECT THE POSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATION. I UNDERSTAND THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO RECEIVE TESTIMONY FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE BILL. I THEREFORE WILL CONFINE MY REMARKS TO THE OVERALL NEED FOR LEGISLATION IN THIS AREA AND THE PRACTICAL IMPACT OF THE BILL ON THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ADMINISTRATION, I WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS AT THE OUTSET:

- THE ADMINISTRATION IS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE, ROBUST NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY. THE PRESIDENT HAS APPRECIATED THE SUPPORT OF CONGRESS SINCE 1981 IN THE JOINT EFFORT TO IMPROVE OUR INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY. THIS COOPERATIVE EFFORT HAS BENEFITED THE NATION'S SECURITY AND HAS REFLECTED A CONSENSUS AMONG THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES THAT EFFECTIVE INTELLIGENCE IS VITAL TO THE NATION'S SECURITY.

- NO LESS IMPORTANT THAN OUR INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY IS EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT OF INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS. THE SUPPORT OF THE NATION FOR THE WAY THE INTELLIGENCE

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